



Minutes for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board Regular Meeting

City Hall Room 303

1. Call to Order/Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robertson at 7:00 p.m.

Park Board Members Present: Cindy Dittbrenner, Betsy Robertson, John Hoey, Katie Schielke, Bill Franklin, Christina Arcidy, Christine Southwick, Natalia Ablao Sandico, Erik Ertsgaard

Absent: None

City Staff Present: Director Eric Friedli, Senior Transportation Planner Nora Daley-Peng, Administrative Assistant III Lynn Gabrieli

2. Approval of Agenda: Chair Robertson called for approval of the agenda. So moved by Ms. Dittbrenner and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes: Chair Robertson called for approval of the July minutes. So moved by Ms. Dittbrenner and seconded by Mr. Franklin. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment:

Wendy DiPeso, Shoreline, referred to the Sidewalk Prioritization Plan and asked why staff would want input on this Public Works project but not the proposed Maintenance Facility at Hamlin Park. She is concerned about safety when all city resources are located in a central location stating it is better to have multiple sites in the event of an emergency. She referred to the way citizens changed the opinion of staff and City Council regarding the preservation of South Woods and requested the Board engage in a similar effort with regard to this issue.

Janet Way, Shoreline Preservation Society, thanked the Board for their commitment to Parks and Public Works. She encouraged the Board to take a position on the issue of locating a Maintenance Facility at Hamlin Park and expressed concern about the impact of the proposed facility on the park, including grade leveling. The park serves a variety of uses including athletics, dog walking and respite. It is home to a variety of wildlife. She contends that locating a maintenance facility at Hamlin Park would go against the PROS Plan and Urban Forest Strategic Plan.

Richard Middleton of North Seattle is a regular visitor of Hamlin Park. He wants the Board to know that people love the park and he is concerned that the proposal would fundamentally change it. Hamlin Park is special and this kind of change is irrevocable. A utility yard can go anywhere. To lose what Hamlin Park is would be a devastating loss, so he encouraged the Board to speak up for the Park.

Jerry Cronk, Shoreline, advocated that a park is more important than a utility facility and meets a fundamental need for people. He asked the Board to tell the City Council that the facility should go somewhere else.

Krista Tenny, Shoreline, reminded the Board that Hamlin Park is a habitat corridor and a forested place for people to relax and get away from other people. As we encourage people to move to Shoreline we sell that we have places where people can be outside. Hamlin is one of those places. She requested that a utility facility be placed somewhere else.

5. Director's Report

- Mr. Friedli welcomed the Board to the new third floor meeting room.
- Mr. Friedli assured the Board that a proposal involving Hamlin Park would come to the Board before any decisions are made. In October the Board will hear a presentation from Public Works about the proposal and additional options. After the Board has all the information, the Board will be encouraged to ask questions and provide guidance.
- Mr. Hoey requested information about the existing maintenance facility prior to the Public Works presentation.
- Native Plant Stewards and the King Conservation District are removing invasives in parks with the hope of planting new plants this fall. Work Parties are scheduled every Saturday and Sunday through the fall.
- A street tree planting project is underway in the Ridgecrest Neighborhood. Staff conducted a public meeting last week to receive neighborhood input. 40 new trees will be planted in the next 2 - 3 weeks.
- An Arbor Day event has been scheduled for November 4 at Hillwood Park.
- Fall Parks activities are underway.
- Mr. Friedli was invited to be on the Middle School Advisory Team for Kellogg and Einstein Middle Schools.
- Mary Reidy and Kirk Peterson are both attending the NRPA conference in New Orleans this week.
- The Thornton Creek Alliance is working on a challenge to the community to eradicate knotweed from the watershed basin.
- The Monster Mash Dash is October 7.

6. Sidewalk Prioritization Plan

Ms. Peng provided information via PowerPoint presentation consistent with information in the PRCS Board agenda packet. The intent is to have a plan in place by spring, 2018, following a public process. Cost packages will be developed and brought to the public and to the Board. Public feedback is being received in the following ways:

1. Sidewalk Advisory Committee
2. Open houses
3. Presentations to stakeholders

A project website contains all the information and more legible graphics than are in the packet: See www.shorelinewa.gov/sidewalks

She invited the Board to provide feedback:

1. Ms. Dittbrenner requested emphasis placed on connectivity corridor between parks, consistent with the PROS Plan.
2. Ms. Arcidy emphasized the importance of walkability between residents and services to create a more walkable City.
3. Mr. Franklin encouraged connections to the Interurban Trail as it is a major existing hub.
4. Mr. Hoey stated the importance of this being a data-driven process and encouraged emphasis around multi-family housing where development is planned. He expressed approval of low-cost sidewalk treatments and encouraged researching less expensive options.
5. Ms. Southwick expressed concern about the installation of ADA corners in a school zone near her home that end in dirt, which is ultimately not accessible to wheelchairs. She encouraged expansion of existing partial sidewalks.
6. Ms. Dittbrenner encouraged collaboration with Surface Water to daylight Thornton Creek

and create rain gardens. Ms. Peng responded that the Surface Water Master Plan is working in collaboration with sidewalk development.

7. Ms. Schielke encouraged the preservation of trees and the planting of the right type of trees in the right places. Her street benefited from a white sideline to indicate protected walking space.

7. **Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Master Plan**

Mr. Friedli provided background about the existing Master Plan. He expressed his opinion that the changes proposed this evening are entirely consistent with the existing master plan and encouraged the Board's feedback.

Joe Abken, Executive Director, illustrated proposed modifications to the Master Site Plan via PowerPoint including the following:

1. One unisex restroom that fits into the aesthetic of the garden would reduce the footprint and scale of the restroom proposed in the master plan,
2. The addition of a deck and ADA ramp off the front of the house, also consistent with the existing master plan,
3. Updated kitchen with commercial grade appliances making it more usable for rentals and small events,
4. Improved pathway access through the garden,
5. The addition of a Children's Discovery Garden is not part of the master plan, but it would create a purpose and educational outreach opportunity,
6. Changes to the lower garden including a shed and pergola,
7. Functional art and nature play,
8. The addition of a meadow rather than the existing master development plan.

Board feedback included:

- Ms. Southwick requested the installation of wayfinding signs to lead people to Kruckeberg and the installation of handrails along the path leading down to the lower garden. She also requested signage around art pieces.
- Ms. Schielke expressed enthusiasm for the Children's Discovery Garden.
- The Board commended Mr. Abken on the installation of the new water feature at the Garden.
- Mr. Abken expressed support for the Master Plan's intent to build a boardwalk from the upper garden to the lower garden.
- Ms. Robertson encouraged careful placement of ADA accessibility to the house so as not to unintentionally communicate any kind of lesser-than status.
- Ms. Southwick requested information regarding the agreement between the City and the Foundation related to the financial support of improvements.
- The Board expressed a desire to partner with the Garden's development in a hands-on way and requested to be informed about upcoming events.

8. **PROS Plan Implementation**

Mr. Friedli referred to the packet materials, reviewing each line item in the Implementation Plan and updating the status.

The Strategic Action Initiatives provide the basis for future staff work plans.

Chair Robertson introduced conversation about potential funding sources to implement the

Strategic Action Initiatives including the possibility of a future bond measure. She and Vice-Chair Hoey briefed the Board on their conversation with Deputy Mayor Winstead who was an integral part of the 2006 Park Bond measure process. The Board requested clarity about any restrictions the Open Public Meetings Act may place on Board members' involvement in discussions about next steps in implementation. Mr. Friedli clarified that the role of staff is to provide logistic support, fact sharing, and coordination.

9. **Comments from the Board**

The Board expressed appreciation for the Twin Ponds soccer field turf replacement and acknowledged Chair Robertson for her Red Cross work in Houston following the hurricane.

10. **Adjourn**

Hearing no further business, Chair Robertson called for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Ms. Southwick. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Signature of Chair	Date
Betsy Robertson	

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Signature of Minute Writer	Date
Lynn Gabrieli	